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TAGS: PEPR, GB, OAU, SP
SUBJECT: GABONESE FOREIGN MINISTER BRINGS MESSAGE OF
REASSURANCE ON CANARIES

REF: LIBREVILLE 651 (NOTAL)

1. REPORTERS QUOTED SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA AS
TELLING THEM THE MESSAGE VISITING GABONESE FOREIGN
MINISTER BONGO BROUGHT TO KING JUAN CARLOS EXPRESSED
GABON'S SOLIDARITY WITH SPAIN CONCERNING THE CANARY
ISLANDS, SPECIFYING THEIR "SPANISHNESS" AND DECLARING
GABONESE SUPPORT FOR SPAIN ON THE ISSUE IN INTERNATIONAL
FORUMS. THE MFA'S CHIEF FOR AFRICA AND CONTINENTAL ASIA
(LOPEZ AGUIRREBENGOA) CONFIRMED PRIVATELY TO US THAT THE
MESSAGE WAS PRECISELY THAT; THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE TO
MINISTER BONGO'S VISIT, HE ADDED.

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2. COMMENT: LOPEZ DID NOT SAY SO, BUT WE HAVE THE CLEAR
IMPRESSION NEVERTHELESS THAT MFA OFFICIALS ARE BECOMING
A LITTLE JADED WITH POST-TRIPOLI ASSERTIONS OF SUPPORT
FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES ON THE CANARIES ISSUE: THEY HAD
SIMILAR ASSERTIONS, AFTER ALL, BEFORE THE TRIPOLI MEETING
AS WELL. LOPEZ HIMSELF EXPRESSED A COMBINATION OF

OPTIMISM AND INDIFFERENCE REGARDING THE KHARTOUM
MEETING, ON THE BASIS THAT THE VOTE MIGHT COME OUT ALL
RIGHT, BUT THAT THE ISSUE SEEMED LIKELY TO BE AROUND FOR
YEARS, HAVING NO OPERATIVE EFFECT BUT TAKING A TOLL IN
SPANISH DIPLOMATIC EFFORT BEFORE FINALLY COLLAPSING OF
ITS OWN UNREALISTIC WEIGHT. STABLER

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